

LITTLE LENA IN COURT.

MRS. MOLE'S COUNSEL SURRENDERS HER THIS MORNING.

Flump, Chubby and Well-Dressed—Her Counselmen—Several Witnesses—Tell a Harrowing Tale of Cruelty which Mrs. Mole Denies—Dressed in Hay's Clothes and Sent to Bed in the Street.

Six-year-old Lena M. Hugh looked anything but an ill-used and cruelly treated child as she sat next to her guardian, Mrs. Mary Mole, in Supreme Court Chambers this morning.

Her cheeks were flushed and suffused with a healthy glow, and she looked like a well-nourished and happy little girl. She was well-dressed, her outward garments being a plaid skirt with a satin-lined cape, and a red Tam o' Shanter cap. She was full of fun and answered intelligently when questioned.

Little Lena is the bone of contention in habeas corpus proceedings by her grandmother, Mrs. Katherine Ruppert, of 443 East Thirteenth street, a widow in her seventy-first year.

Her suit for the possession of her granddaughter is based on a legal technicality. Mrs. Mole is keeping the child not for love of little Lena, but out of spite for her relatives; that she has persistently ill-treated the girl and is teaching her to lead a vicious life.

She accounts for the child's prosperous appearance by saying that she commenced proceedings two months ago and that since then Mrs. Noble has for obvious reasons fed and clothed the child with great care.

The opposing parties sat in the court-room half an hour before Judge Barrett took his seat and exchanged bitterly hostile glances. Mrs. Mole had little Lena on her knee, and was also accompanied by her married daughter, Annie, and her counsel, Gabriel Levy.

The other group consisted of old Mrs. McHugh, her married daughter, Mrs. Minnie Tagg, her witnesses, Mrs. Ada Fullerton and Mrs. Mary Jones, the Rev. Theodore Leonard, of the De Wits Memorial Church, of whom church Mrs. McHugh is a member, and Lawyer F. A. Batty.

Mr. Levy surrendered the child to the court, and said that he had no further investigation. Her answer to the complaint was that Mrs. Sophie McHugh, little Lena's mother, when on her death-bed at the Presbyterian Hospital, had given her to Mrs. Mole into Mrs. Mole's care and besought her to bring her up and not on any account to let the child's grandmother or other relatives to get her out of her hands.

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DEAD INFANTS IN A DRUG STORE.

Detectives Investigating a Ghastly Discovery in Jersey City.

Jersey City detectives are working on a strange case. Half a dozen bodies of infants found in the cellar of a drug store owned by Dr. Novitas B. Aspinwall, at 410 Grove street, a few days ago, are the subject of investigation.

The bodies were found in bottles half filled with alcohol by John Askrue, Aspinwall's clerk, last Friday. They are now in the possession of the police.

The appearances indicate that they have lain in the dusty corner of the old cellar for many years. Druggist Aspinwall bought the place in September from Druggist Heworth, before Heworth took it the place was owned by Druggist Sizer, Lockwood, and Edman, Cadmus and Edly in the order named.

It is believed that one of these has been a party to a criminal business. The case will be thoroughly sifted. Judge Make who first heard of the ghastly find, says that the notorious W. N. Brooks, now under indictment for criminal malpractice, was at one time a frequent visitor at the drug store.

ADJOURNED FOR THE LAST TIME.

The Trial of Mrs. Parson Stevens's Case to Be Begun Next Tuesday.

Ex-Judge Noah Davis, ex-Surrogate Calvin and John E. Burrill, three lawyers who at their last meeting engaged in a fierce wordy battle, appeared again in the old battle-ground in the Surrogate's office to-day to defend the interests of their clients.

The first two represented Mrs. Parson Stevens and Lady Paget in their contest against John L. Melcher, Charles G. Stevens and George B. Richardson, the executors of the Parson Stevens estate.

These gentlemen are charged with gross mismanagement and incompetency in their handling of the estate. They make like counter-charges against Mrs. Stevens.

Judge Davis opened the case, and again asked for an adjournment on the ground that he had not been able to prepare the case in time.

Mr. Burrill opposed the applications on the ground that his clients were all ready to go on.

Surrogate Rollins put an end to the argument and said that he would not send the case to a referee, but would try it himself, so in view of the facts presented, he adjourned the case until next Tuesday. He would not grant a further delay for any reason.

TWENTY-SIX ROUNDS, A DRAW.

The Referee So Decided in Order to Avoid a Serious Row.

James Casey, of this city, and John Gager, of Hoboken, fought a pitched battle of twenty-six rounds in an open ring in a hotel near Fort Lee early this morning, with victory for neither side.

The fight was for a purse of \$500, and was characterized more by ducking and dodging blows than by fair fighting, and the result was received with much dissatisfaction by the fifty sports who were in the secret.

Both men were in good condition. Gager was seconded by Chris White, and Casey by Eddie Carroll. Edward O'Donnell, of Williamsburg, was chosen referee. Casey led the fight in the first half dozen rounds, and seemed to have the best of the battle throughout.

In the twenty-sixth round both men clinched, and Casey fell, carrying Gager down with him. Some one cried foul and Casey's friend claimed he had been kicked by his opponent. The claim was not allowed for the referee declared the fight a draw. The fight will be settled at an early day.

THREE MONTANA TRAINS IN COLLISION.

A Series of Smash-Ups in Which Several Men Were Injured.

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE WORLD.) BUTTE, MON., NOV. 30.—There was a triple train collision this morning between Butte and Silver-Bow. The Anaconda ore train broke in two near Rocker. The Helena passenger train was coming a short distance behind, but managed to stop running in the open air. A freight train, which was also on the road from Butte depot, a man went back to flag it, but it had approached so near that it was impossible to stop on the passenger car and shouted to those on board to jump, which they did. The freight locomotive crashed half way through the passenger train, and, striking it straight on, wrecked the caboose of the first freight train. Several train men were killed and many others injured. The freight train was broken and had bruises about the head and shoulders.

DAN DRISCOLL DEJECTED.

He Refuses His Breakfast and His Wife Is Not Allowed to See Him.

Dan Driscoll, the murderer, who was informed last night that there was no hope for him save in executive clemency, passed an uneasy night, and this morning dejectedly refused his breakfast.

Warden Walsh refuses to allow anybody to see Driscoll, even his young wife being barred. He is being kept in the cell at the House of Correction. He is being kept in the cell at the House of Correction. He is being kept in the cell at the House of Correction.

Appeals are received a day will be set when he will be arraigned for sentence. It is probable that the remittitur will be made to the Supreme Court, though Driscoll was tried before Recorder Smyth.

FIREBURN SENT TO PRISON.

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE WORLD.) ELIZABETH, N. J., Nov. 30.—In the Union County Criminal Court today at Elizabeth Judge McCormick sentenced John M. Jackson, the self-confessed Plainfield firebug, to fifteen years in state prison and his companions, Lewis and Horace Van Nest, to five years each in state prison. The judge said the Van Nests are longer sentence, but under the law the indictment was drawn the utmost limit was what he had imposed. The counsel for the Van Nests made an elaborate plea for clemency on the strength of Jackson's confession that they were innocent. The judge said he had no power to grant it. Their counsel then filed a bill of exceptions.

Judge Kapelle Getting Better.

Judge Kapelle's condition has slightly improved within the last few days, and to-day his daughter reports that he is better than at any time during his illness. A World reporter asked her if her father had mentioned the Sharp case at all, and she replied that he had not. I do not think that he will now," she said, looking very much relieved.

Conservation at the Custom-House.

Construction was created at the Custom-House this morning by a report that Collector Maguire had written to Secretary Fairchild asking that the hours of work in the Custom-House be changed from 9 A. M. to 6 P. M. to 10 A. M. to 8 P. M.

YOUNG MR. COLE'S CANVASS.

MUCH RELIANCE PLACED ON THE PLATT MACHINE TO MAKE HIM SPEAKER.

While the Member From Schuylers is Hoping, the Bald Eagle is Beautifully Promising and Railroad Influence—Outline of a Deal Which May Carry Gen. Husted Once More to the Chair This Winter.

Mr. Fremont Cole, the young Assemblyman from Schuylers County, is making his canvass for the Speakership from this city. His headquarters are at the Erie Avenue Hotel. He said to-day that his chances were improving and that he felt confident that he would be Speaker of the Assembly of 1888.

When told that Gen. James W. Husted was boasting that he would wield the gavel again young Mr. Cole smiled as he remarked: "Gen. Husted is always sure. Did you ever know him to say that he would not be elected Speaker? He has been disappointed several times and I think he will be disappointed again."

There is no doubt that young Mr. Cole is depending a great deal on the influence of ex-Senator Thomas G. Platt and the Platt machine to make him Speaker. The representative from Schuylers has the pledged support of six or seven members of the last Assembly who have been re-elected and who are supporting him out of personal friendship. There are about a dozen members who think very favorably of him, but who are not absolutely pledged to vote for him.

A large majority of the members of the next House are keeping quiet on the Speakership question. They prefer to be classed as doubtful and are not anxious to declare for any candidate. They are waiting for the best inducement in the making-up of the committee, and the distribution of the patronage of the Assembly.

Mr. Cole will have to draw votes. To get votes from such he will have to use machine influence and promises.

His friends say that he has served three terms in the Legislature and is equal to the emergency. However, it must be remembered that he is pitted against Gen. James W. Husted, who was an Assemblyman before Mr. Cole was a voter. As a promoter Gen. Husted has no equal, and if Mr. Cole is depending upon promises, he should remember that his opponent is a professional politician.

While Mr. Cole is hopeful, Gen. Husted is not. While Mr. Cole is depending upon ex-Senator Platt, Gen. Husted's eye is on the iron rails that stretch from Forty-second street to Buffalo. The contest may resolve itself into a fight between Thomas G. Platt and Chauncey M. Depew. The supporters of Gen. Husted say that he will be nominated in the caucus by acclamation.

A well-known Republican politician from the interior of the State said last evening at the Gilsey House: "I think Gen. Husted will be re-elected by a deal. It would not surprise me to see Gen. Platt turn against Gen. Husted. Gen. Husted wishes to control the Republican majority in the Senate. He wishes to retain his grip on the State. He wishes to control the Quarantine Commission. Now, suppose he needs the help of the Central road and the other influence that Husted can bring. He will be Speaker? I can tell you this: Platt does not care a rap for the Speakership. He wishes to control the Republican majority in the Senate. The Speakership will depend on a great deal more than the help of the Central road. I am told that Cole is frightened at some of the rumors he has heard."

There was no conference of prominent Republicans at the Fifth Avenue Hotel last evening. A number of legislative Republican pilgrims are expected in the city in a day or two to compare notes.

WARRANTS FOR IVES AND STAYNER.

The complaints which have been filed in the District Attorney's office asking for the indictment of Henry S. Ives and George H. Stayner, the defeated Napoleon of Finance, and their more successful fellows in the field, Jay Gould and Russell Sage, were referred to Assistant District Attorney James H. Davis some time ago, and he has had them under consideration.

In the cases of Ives and Stayner, regarding the alleged criminal manipulation of the securities of the Mineral Range Railroad Company, Mr. Davis has concluded that the matter should first be brought before a grand jury, and that the indictment should be returned, which will be presented to a Police Justice at the Tombs some day next week, when warrants will probably be issued for the arrest of the two men.

The case of Gould and Sage, charged with criminal mismanagement of Kansas Pacific trust securities, by Attorney W. H. De Witt, Mr. Davis said this morning, will be brought to the Grand Jury in the first instance, providing it is determined that this is a case against the millionaires. He is still waiting for a prominent attorney to bring the subject from Mr. De Lancey before finally deciding what disposition to make of the complaint.

PROHIBITION LEADERS IN CHICAGO.

Neither St. John or Fisk Will Be the Presidential Candidate.

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE WORLD.) CHICAGO, NOV. 30.—The national committee of the Prohibition party met here this morning and proceeded to the selection of a chairman to fill the vacancy caused by the death of John B. Finch.

Dr. Charles H. Bradley is a Canadian by birth, and is a graduate of Laval and Harvard colleges. For the past fifteen years he has been a resident of Chicago, and up to two years ago he was a member of the Prohibition party. He is now a member of the Republican party, and is the fashionable quarter of the North Side of this city.

His experiments and studies with cocaine, however, have not been successful from a moral, physical and financial standpoint, and for the past three months he has been tramping around the streets of New York, dependent upon the charity of his friends for food, and spending what he received from that source in cocaine.

TAKEN FOR HOUSE-THIEVES.

Two Members of the Twelfth Regiment Charged With Stealing a Cab.

A cabman named Thomas King accused two men in the Yorkville Court this morning of having stolen his outfit. The prisoners were Charles Connolly, twenty-three years old, of 343 East Fifty-fifth street, and Thomas Foy, aged twenty-one, of 236 West Fifty-fourth street.

Both men belonged to the Twelfth Regiment of the National Guard, and while returning from drill last night saw the horse going astray at Sixth avenue, and fifty-third street. They jumped into the cab, thinking to drive to the Grand Central station, from where they thought the horse had wandered. On their way thither they were arrested.

They were held to answer.

Murder of a Greenfield Fruitler.

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE WORLD.) GREENFIELD, MASS., Nov. 30.—David Randall, of Turners Falls, proprietor of a fruit farm, was shot and killed last night while sitting in a window in his home by some unknown person. Mr. Randall was an elderly man, and was well known in this vicinity. His head was nearly blown from his body.

Mr. Tannery and Johnston to Be Tried.

The trial of James McTannery and Joseph Johnston, of West New Brighton, S. I., for an assault on Rowell B. Burchard, of 34 West Fortieth street, and C. Bower Vaux, of 34 Cortlandt street, this city, is set down for to-day before Judge Stephen A. Richmond.

PERILS OF A BANK'S MASCOT.

A Bowsy Fire Which Recalls a Curious Episode in the History of Finance.

The burning of the Bowsy factory building last evening ushered in a night of fire as the first fruits of the sudden cold snap. Fire alarms rang all through the night from uptown and downtown, chiefly from the business districts where storekeepers had gone home after stuffing the stove full of coal to last over till morning.

The queerest of the fires was in a shabby old brick building at 25 Centre street, at present the abode of a dealer in plumbing supplies. It was caused by an overheated stove, and did \$1,000 damage.

The firemen who penetrated the discovery into the building were amazed to find themselves confronted by a solid iron wall that barred all further progress. They were trying to find a way round when the discovery was made that the iron wall was the side of a mighty reservoir, containing water enough to drown a bigger fire than was burning.

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SHARP TO BE TRIED FIRST.

COL. FELLOWS SAYS HE WILL BEGIN THE BOODLE CASES WITH HIM.

Benjamin Cockran Thinks \$25,000 Would Be Paid Enough—Sharp with Keffer from Showing Emotion—Effect of the Decision on the Cases of the Roadmen Now in Sing Sing—McQuade's Chances Good.

The room where people who wish to see District Attorney Martine or his assistants congregate was filled early to-day with reporters waiting to learn if anything had been decided on with regard to Sharp.

At about noon Col. Fellows, a cigar in his mouth and a satchel in his hand, entered the room and cheerily greeted those awaiting him.

"Can we see you, Colonel?" was asked.

"Why, yes, look at me," responded the future District Attorney. Then in reply to a series of questions Col. Fellows said that he was not so much surprised at the action of the Court of Appeals ruling on the testimony given by Sharp before the Senate Committee as he was that the Court should decide as it had in regard to other testimony. Concerning his own opinion as to whether certain testimony should have been admitted, Col. Fellows said that it had all along been a matter of doubt to him, but that Mr. Nicoll and Mr. Semple had prepared the case with very great care, and were so fixed and firm in their opinion that he had deferred his judgment to theirs.

"No," said Col. Fellows, "I can see no reason to prevent another trial, and other conviction, and Mr. Sharp's case will be the first of the remaining boodle trials."

"I can't say anything about bail until I see Mr. Martine, and I haven't seen him yet," and the Colonel broke away and went into his office.

During the interview Col. Fellows said that he considered the general sentiment of the Bar on the question of the admission of certain of the testimony to be one of doubt.

Jacob Sharp has shown no sign of elation or of any other emotion since receiving the verdict of the general jury, and has been by the Court of Appeals. He received the members of his family yesterday with no expression of feeling whatever and listened to rather than complied with W. Bourke Cockran, of his counsel, last evening.

He went through the motions of going to bed as usual at a little after 9 o'clock last night, and a light sleep, and a nervous wakefulness and the balance in his night shirt at a little after 9 o'clock this morning.

He was seen in the morning, and has been dozing or listening sleepily to his wife reading from the morning papers. He is not badly hurt, but none too soon for just then the curve was rounded and on the main down track, but a few rods ahead, was a long, heavy freight train just crawling along over the trestle.

The man at the throttle blew the whistle, put on the air-brakes and reversed his engine. This did not prevent the train slipping suddenly to prevent the collision and, seeing it was inevitable, both Engineer Richardson and Fireman Dixon jumped, the former landing on comparatively soft ground. He was not badly hurt, but Fireman Dixon received serious injuries.

The engine ploughed through the caboose and two cars loaded with cotton and kerosene. The passengers were well shaken up, some being tossed from their beds.

Mr. Joslyn, of Buffalo, a cattle driver had several ribs broken and received serious internal injuries.

Three freight cars, the passenger engine and coaches were soon ablaze, and were entirely destroyed.

NO HOPE FOR THE LABORERS.

The Subway Work to Be Closed for the Winter This Afternoon.

There is now no hope for the revocation of the order of Gen. Newton closing the subway trenches. The 1,000 hands remaining on the work will be discharged to-night after the excavations are closed.

A great deal of distress is thus caused to a large number of families, for it is said that two-thirds of the 5,000 laborers employed on the subway are married men, some with six and eight children. Not more than two or three such families are self-sustaining.